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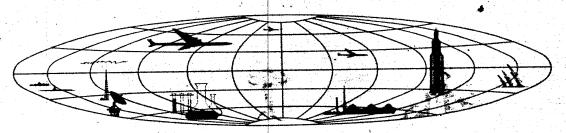


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This report presents the results of a search for ICBM activity along rail lines in the USSR on KEYHOLE photography from Mission

The search was conducted according to the following established criteria:

Examination was made of all stretches of rail line (broad-gauge main, branch, and spur lines connected to or a part of the main USSR rail network) which were 8 nautical miles (nm) or more in length and were covered for a distance of 15 nm on both sides by photography of good enough quality to determine with a the existence of

ICBM complexes with launch areas resembling the soft launch areas, hard launch areas, or single silo construction at Tyuratam Missile Test Center. It should be noted that the above degree of confidence of detection applies only where a support facility, road pattern, and one

or more launch areas could be discerned.

This search has negated, in terms of ICBM activity, approximately 17,275 nm of Soviet rail line and has produced no evidence of ICBM activity that has not been previously reported.

A total of 24 overlays of World Aeronautical Charts showing all rail lines searched with negative results has been prepared. These overlays also show the location of all ICBM launch complexes identified to date and the applicable KEYHOLE mission pass number on which the rail lines were covered. Copies of the 24 overlays, which constitute a graphic supplement to this report, have been forwarded to the CIA requester and to the TALENT Control Officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, DIA, and NSA. Further reproduction and dissemination of these overlays to subordinate commands will be the responsibility of the above agencies.

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